

What is NOT electioneering? (con't)

- Name Tags Worn by Certain Officials (§§ 33.051, 61.010)
 - Election judges, clerks, state or federal inspectors, peace officers, and poll watchers must wear name tags or official badges while on duty to identify them.
 - **NEW LAW (SB 160):** Upon accepting a poll watcher for service, an election official will provide the poll watcher with an ID (prescribed by the SOS), which the poll watcher must wear while serving as a watcher.
 - No other person may wear a name tag or badge in the polling place. An offense is a Class C misdemeanor.



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If electioneering is going on ...

- What if someone is electioneering? (§ 32.075)
 - Presiding judge has responsibility to ensure safe, confidential voting at polling place.
 - Presiding judge may ask a disruptive person to leave.
 - If a voter, they must be given the opportunity to vote before removal from polling place.
- What if they won't stop?
 - The presiding judge may summon a peace officer.



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Electioneering: Tips to Remember

§§ 32.075(e), 61.003, 61.004

- Electioneering is permitted outside the 100 foot distance markers
 - Unless person is using a prohibited sound amplification device, such as a megaphone or speaker system, within 1,000 feet of polling place.
 - Unless reasonably restricted on the premises of a public building under **NEW LAW (HB 259)**.
- Presiding judge may not enforce outside of distance markers.



Miscellaneous Polling Place Procedures

- Wireless communications devices or mechanical or electronic devices to record sound or images may not be used within 100-feet of voting stations. Such devices include cell phones, digital phones, cameras, phone cameras, and sound recorders. Presiding election judge has authority to require persons to deactivate any such devices and to require persons who do not comply to leave the polling place. (§§ 61.014, 62.0111)



Miscellaneous Polling Place Procedures (con't)

- **Exception:** Election officer conducting officer's official duties;
 - **Exception:** Use of election equipment necessary for the conduct of the election.
 - **Exception:** Persons employed at the polling location while acting in course of person's employment.
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- Poll watcher may not be accepted for service if poll watcher has possession of a device capable of recording images or sound unless poll watcher agrees to disable or deactivate the device. (§ 33.051)

 - Media is also prohibited! (§ 61.001)



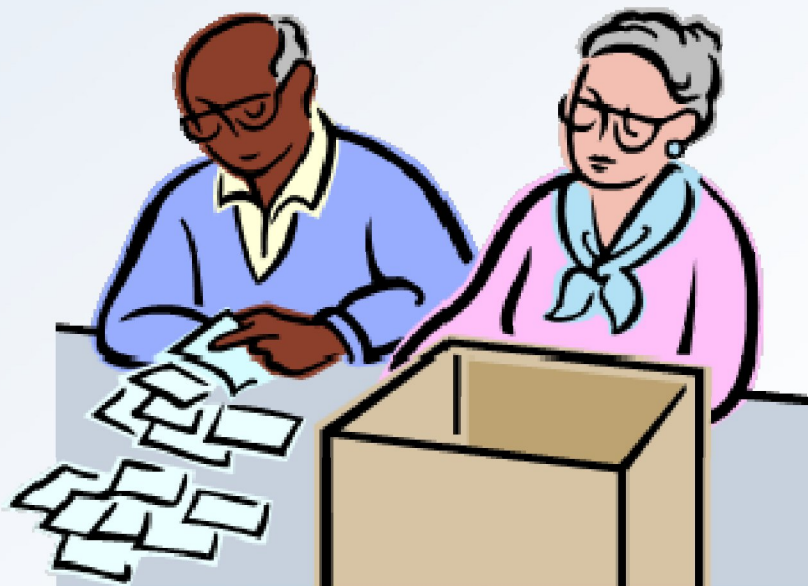
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Thanks for your attention!

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